

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for facilitating the upgrade of an inkjet printer, the method including the steps of:

providing the inkjet printer as a complementary cradle and starter cartridge wherein the cradle has a plurality of print engine controllers and is arranged to operate a number of cartridges having differing performance characteristics, each of the cartridges having an inbuilt pagewidth inkjet printhead and electrical contacts for connection with complementary contacts on the cradle such that the print engine controller can determine the performance capabilities of the cartridge and operate the pagewidth printhead accordingly; and,

facilitating replacement of the starter cartridge with another of said number of cartridges having an improved performance characteristic; wherein,

the starter cartridge requires one of the plurality of print engine controllers to operate at its performance capability and another of said number of cartridges requires more than one of the plurality of print engine controllers to operate at its performance capability.

2. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the differing performance characteristics of the cartridges includes one or more of: printing speed; ink capacity; number and types of inks.
3. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 2, wherein the printing speeds of the cartridges varies between 15 ppm to 60 ppm.
4. (Original) A method according to claim 2, wherein the ink capacity of the cartridges varies between 150ml of ink to 300ml of ink.
5. (Original) A method according to claim 2, wherein the number and types of inks includes black, cyan, magenta, yellow, infrared and an ink fixative.